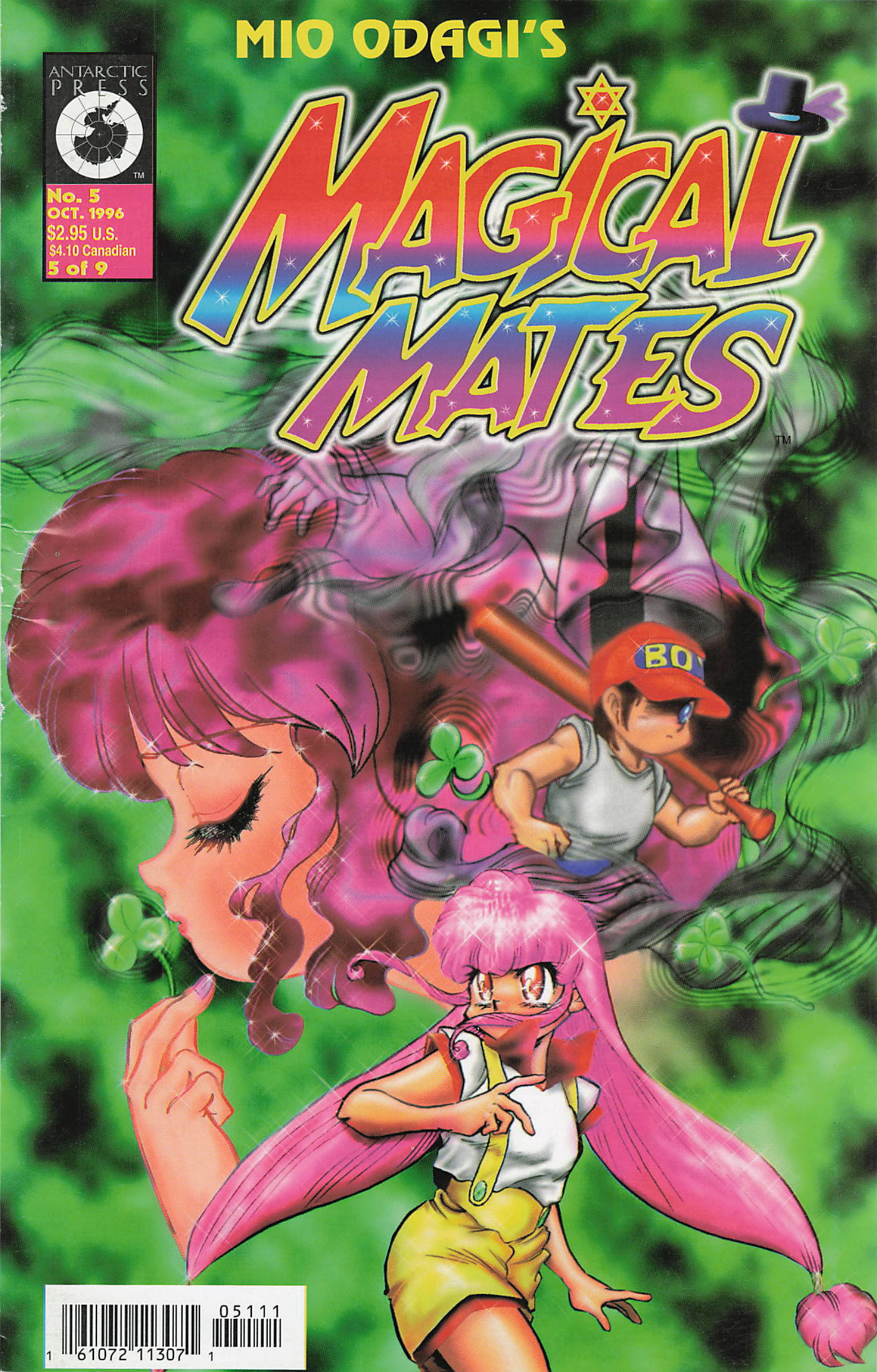
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BIG! NEW! DIFFERENT!

by Herb Mallette

Ordinarily, I'm not much of a hype-ster. My job is to find good stuff and then ensure that everything that *needs* to happen *does* happen, so that the good stuff makes it all the way from my in-box to your hands. But when I sat down to write this editorial, I couldn't help using those words that most exude hype . . .

Big.
New.
Different.

This is the first month for several big, new, different things — which is appropriate, since the purchase of Capital City by Diamond a few months back put us in a big, new, different world. For the first time, something like 97% of our orders for comics are coming from a single distributor.

Luckily, we've got some great comics coming out this month. There's **Code Name: Scorpio**, a full-color action masterpiece by two great talents from Croatia, Miljenko Horvatic and Esad T. Ribic. You won't find better art or a more thrilling story anywhere in comics, and you'll be sorry if you miss this one.

Also not to be missed is **Box Office Poison**, a remarkably well-drawn, funny and (dare I say it) thoughtful comic from Alex Robinson. The minicomic version of this book brought Alex a certain fame and notoriety, and the full-sized comic will certainly bring him even more acclaim. With a cast as eccentric as **Ninja High School**, dialogue as real as **Strangers in Paradise**, and real-world observations as witty as **Naked Eye**, this book should please just about anybody who's ever enjoyed an AP book.

And Big, New, Different things are even happening with some of our oldest series, like **Gold Digger** and **Ninja High School**. Starting this month in **GD#32**, and continuing for a full year, Fred Perry will bring the **GD** and **NHS** worlds together in the longest crossover AP has ever attempted. "Time Warp" is also the most ambitious storyline Fred has ever done, taking the full casts of both books on a rollercoaster ride through all of history and lasting *twelve* total issues.

As if that wasn't enough, Ben Dunn and Ted Nomura bring you the highly unusual **Broken Axis** this month, a wild mucking-up of history in which aliens force the world leaders of World War II to duke it out themselves for world supremacy!

The Biggest, Newest and Most Different, though, is the **Warrior Nun Areala Action Figure**. No other company our size has ever done its own toy, and few companies of any size have ever done a toy this cool.

The comic book market has had a tough couple of years, but that's no reason we should let ourselves get down about comics themselves. Everybody here at AP is lucky to work in an exciting and fun entertainment form, and we're going to do our darnedest to keep producing comics and products that are exciting and fun for our readers as well.

I guess that's one more thing that's Big and Different about AP . . . but it's not New. We've felt that way for over ten years now.

Herb Mallette
Editor In Chief

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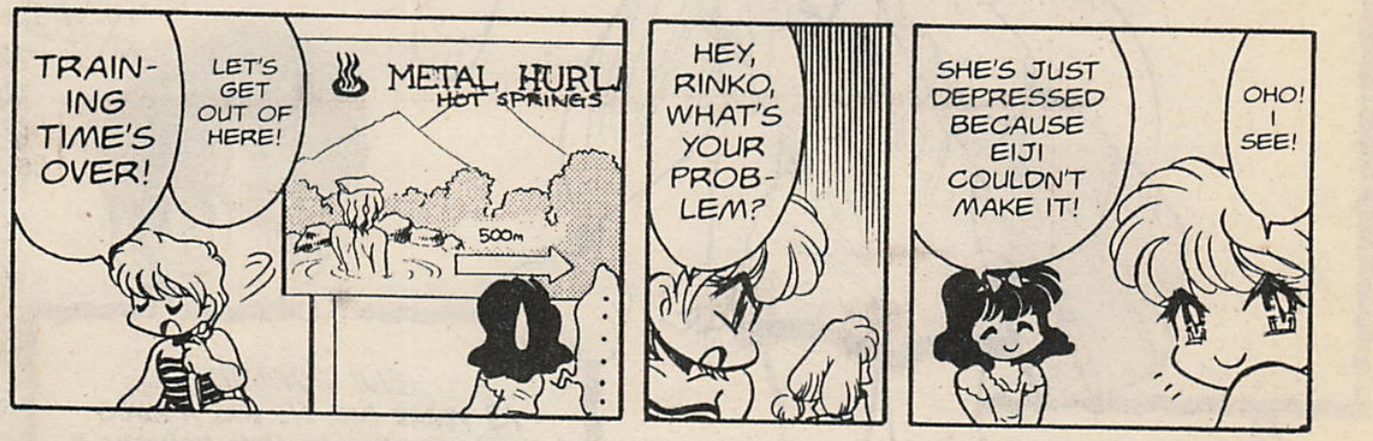
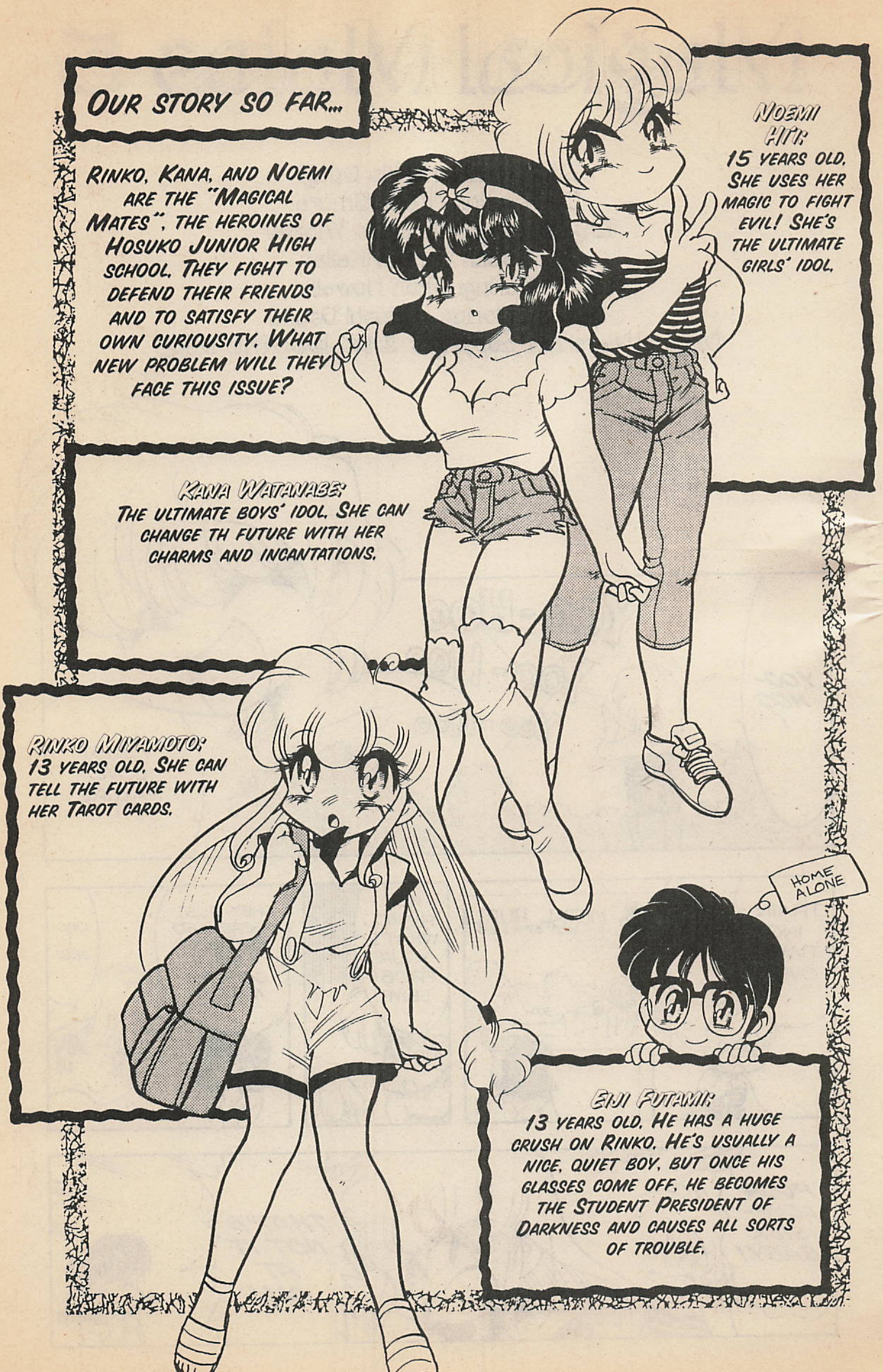
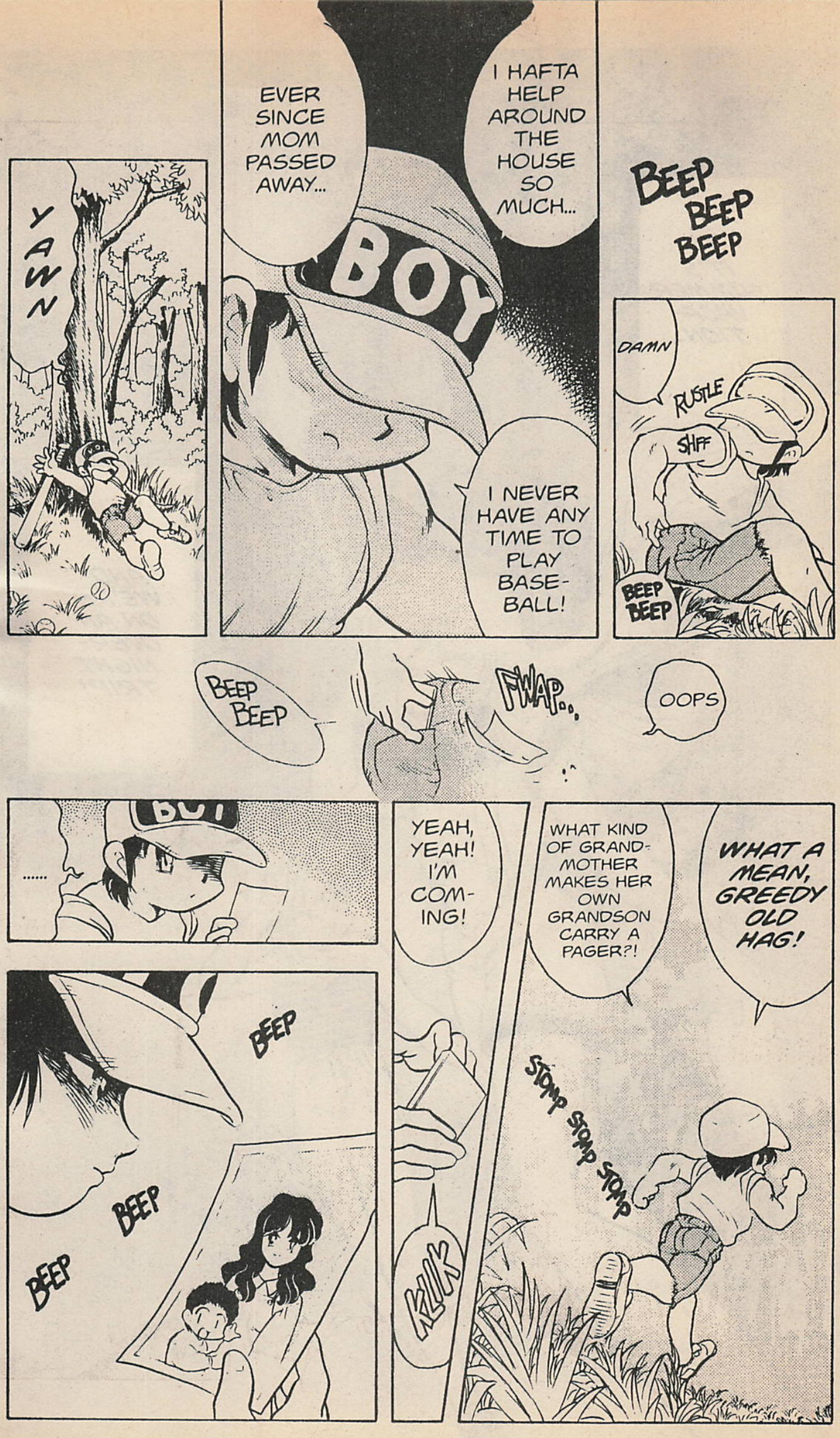
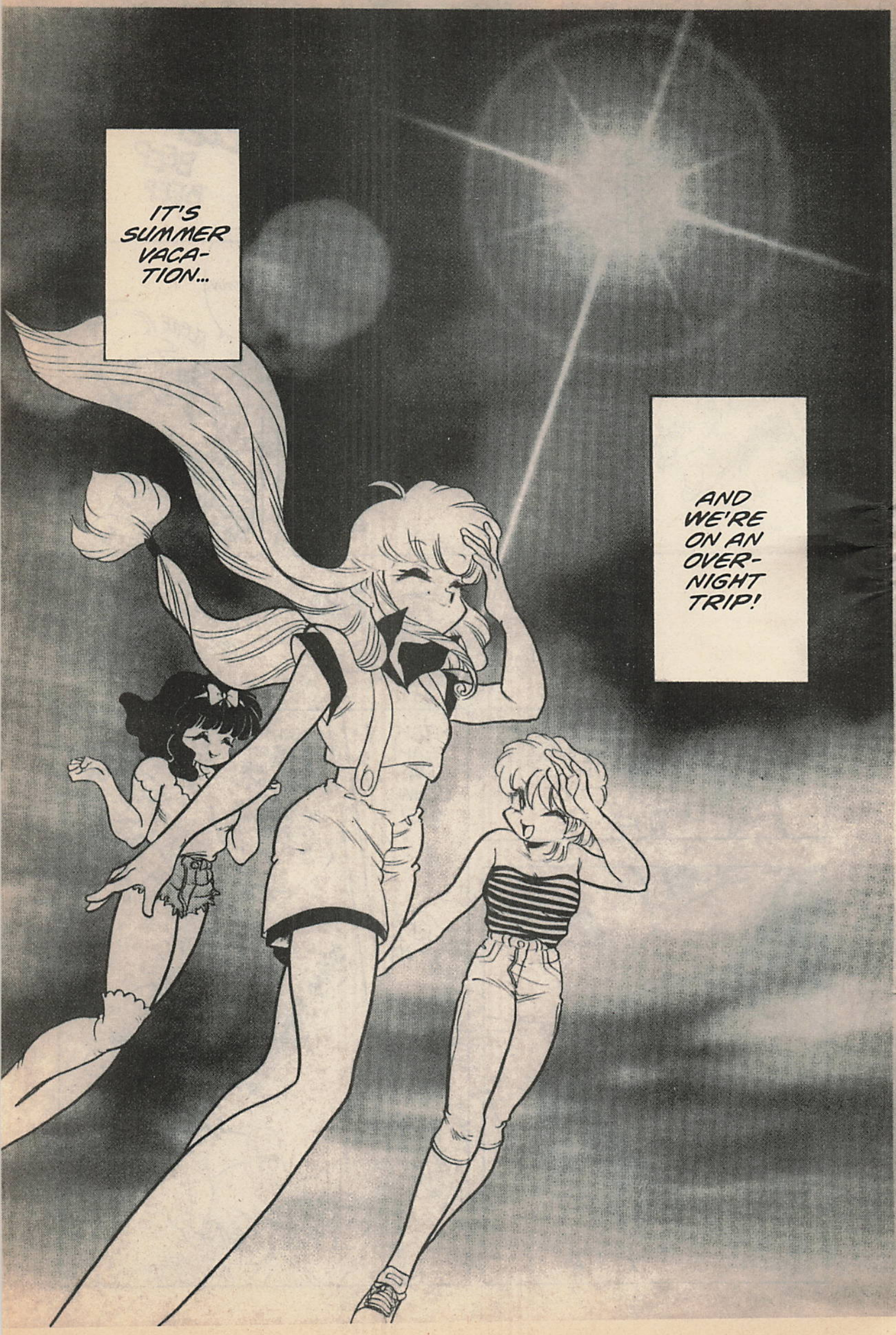

TRAINING TIME'S OVER!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
METAL HURL HOT SPRINGS
500m
HEY, RINKO, WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?
SHE'S JUST DEPRESSED BECAUSE EIJI COULDN'T MAKE IT!
OHO! I SEE!


OUR STORY SO FAR...
RINKO, KANA, AND NOEMI ARE THE "MAGICAL MATES", THE HEROINES OF HOSUKO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. THEY FIGHT TO DEFEND THEIR FRIENDS AND TO SATISFY THEIR OWN CURIOUSITY. WHAT NEW PROBLEM WILL THEY FACE THIS ISSUE?
NOEMI HIT:
15 YEARS OLD. SHE USES HER MAGIC TO FIGHT EVIL! SHE'S THE ULTIMATE GIRLS' IDOL.
KANA WATANABE:
THE ULTIMATE BOYS' IDOL. SHE CAN CHANGE TH FUTURE WITH HER CHARMS AND INCANTATIONS.
RINKO MIYAMOTO:
13 YEARS OLD. SHE CAN TELL THE FUTURE WITH HER TAROT CARDS.
HOME ALONE
EIJI FUTAMI:
13 YEARS OLD. HE HAS A HUGE CRUSH ON RINKO. HE'S USUALLY A NICE, QUIET BOY, BUT ONCE HIS GLASSES COME OFF, HE BECOMES THE STUDENT PRESIDENT OF DARKNESS AND CAUSES ALL SORTS OF TROUBLE.

BOY

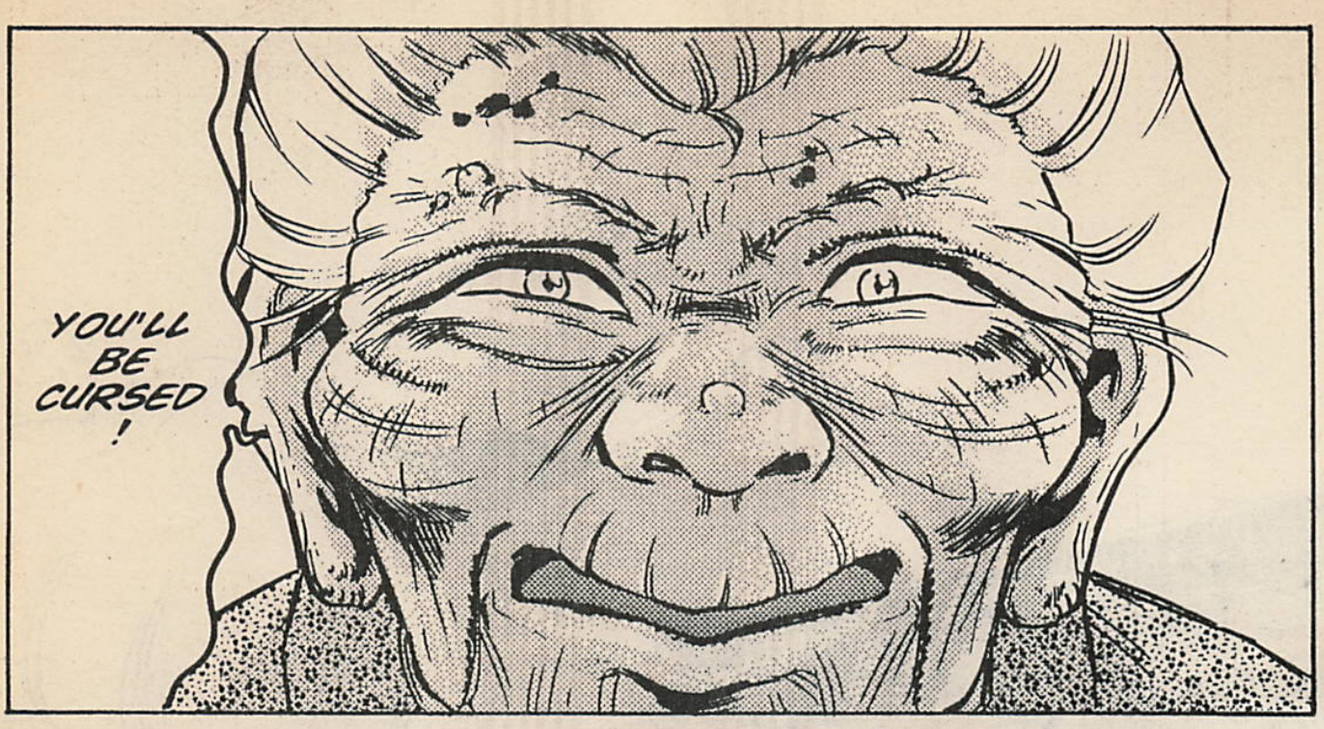
VREE~
VREE~
VREE~
WHIFF
WHIFF
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHIFF
SWOOP
WHAK
THUD!
RESERVED FOR RECREATION FACILITY
BOY
STOMP!


YAWN
EVER SINCE MOM PASSED AWAY...
I HAFTA HELP AROUND THE HOUSE SO MUCH...
BOY
I NEVER HAVE ANY TIME TO PLAY BASE-BALL!
BEEP BEEP BEEP
DAMN
RUSTLE
SHIFF
BEEP BEEP
BEEP BEEP
FWAP...
OOPS
.....
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
YEAH, YEAH! I'M COM-ING!
WHAT KIND OF GRAND-MOTHER MAKES HER OWN GRANDSON CARRY A PAGER?!
WHAT A MEAN, GREEDY OLD HAG!
KLIK
STOMP STOMP STOMP

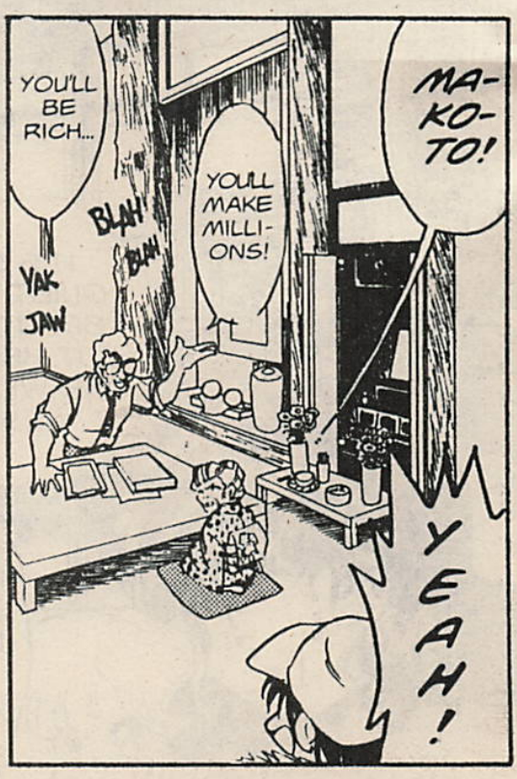

IT'S SUMMER VACA-TION...
AND WE'RE ON AN OVER-NIGHT TRIP!

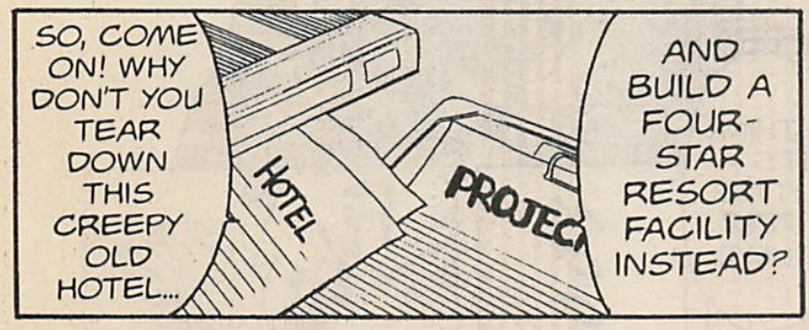
IT'S SO QUIET AND BEAUTIFUL OUT HERE IN THE WILDERNESS!
I THINK IT'S A LITTLE TOO QUIET...
NOOOO!
FWOOSH
I'M NOT GETTING OUT OF THIS BED!*
OOH, I FORGOT TO TELL YOU! THE RUMORS SAY THERE'S A GHOST HERE!
THAT'S WHY I PICKED THIS SPOT FOR OUR VACATION!
I KNEW YOU'D SAY THAT!

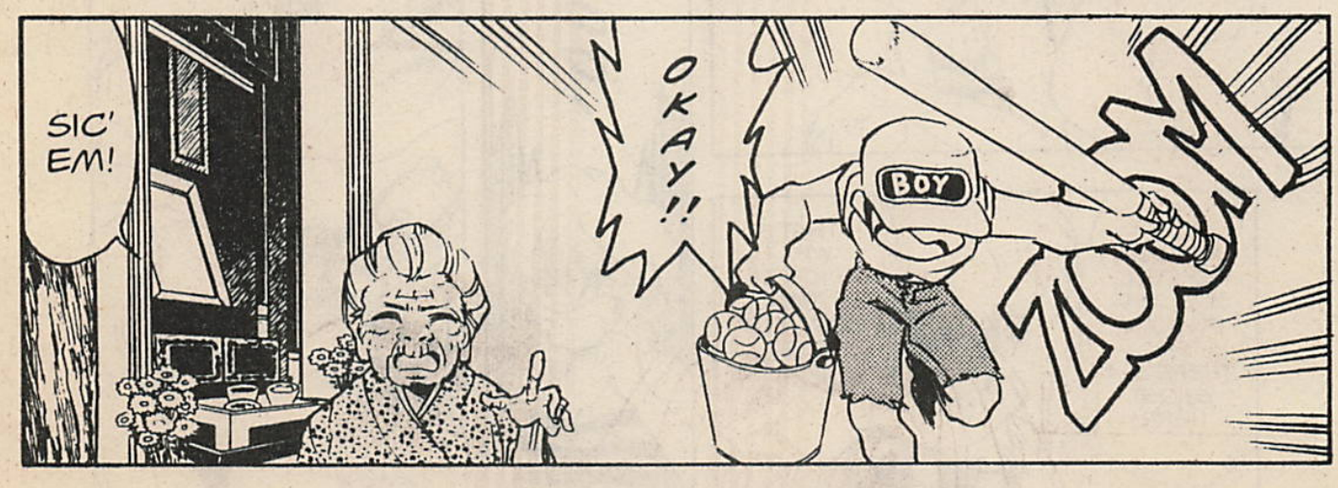
*NOEMI HATES GHOSTS SEE ISSUE 2!

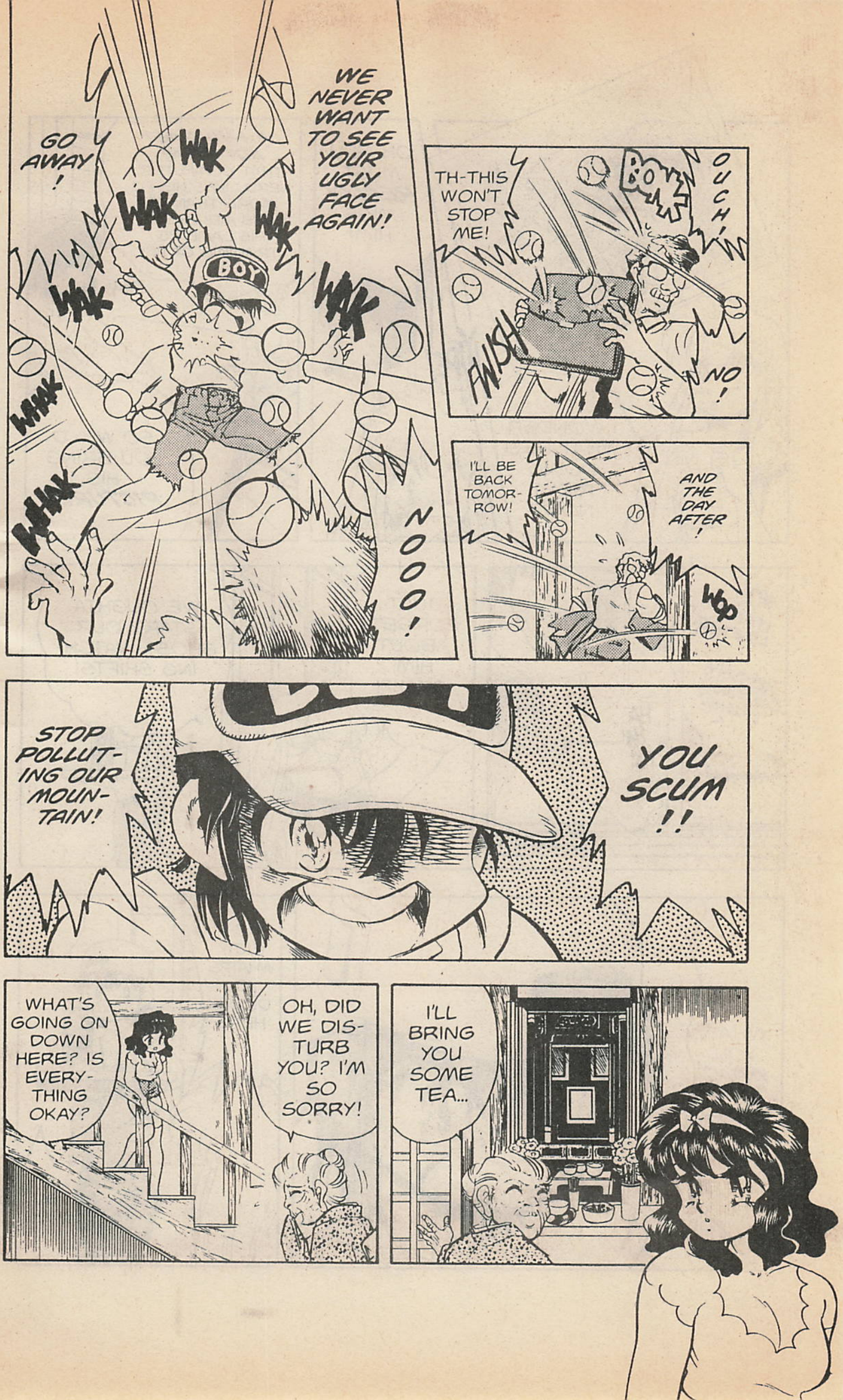

YOU'LL BE CURSED!

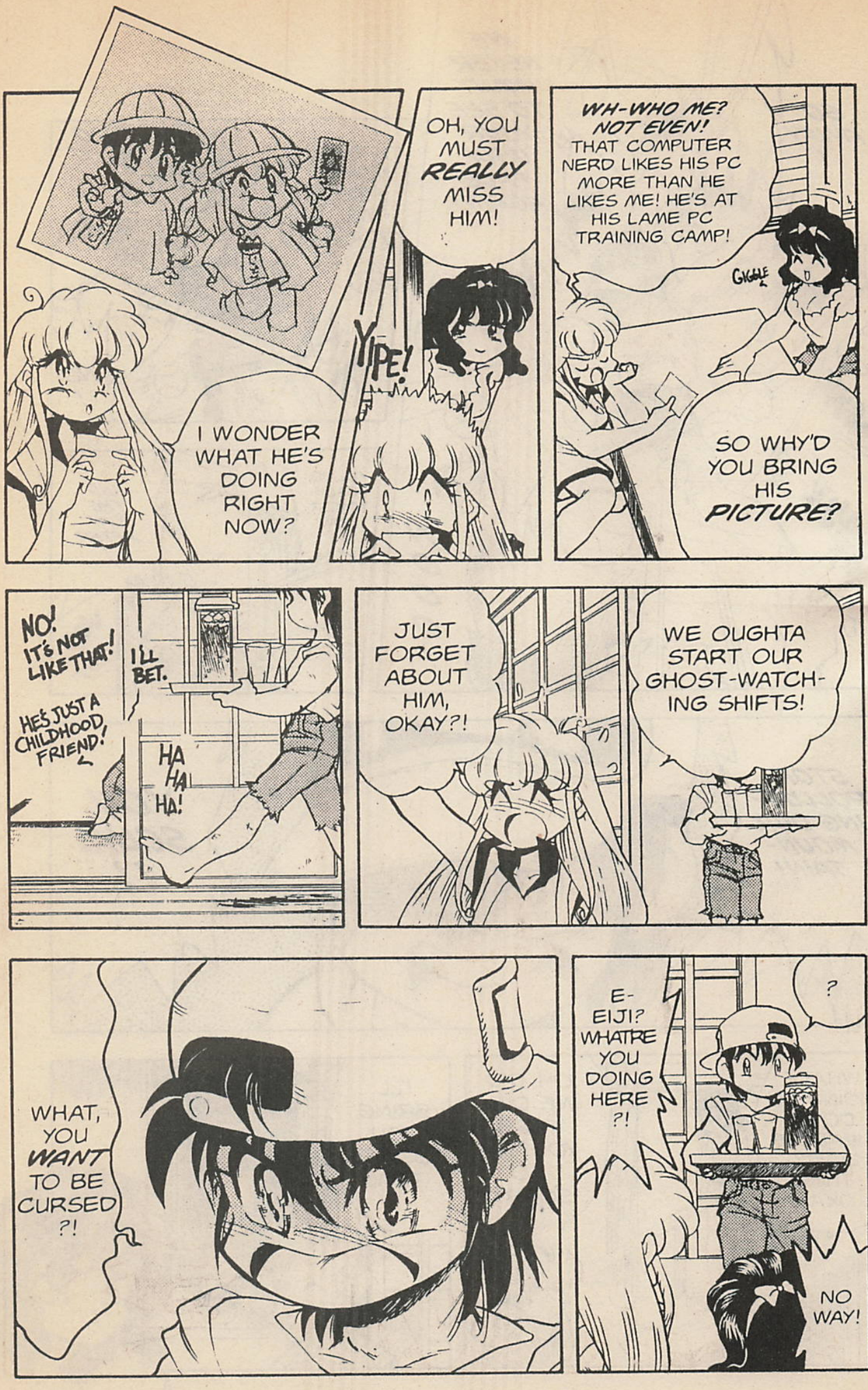
OH, COME NOW! NO ONE BELIEVES IN GHOSTS THESE DAYS!
IT'S NOTHING BUT IGNORANT SUPERSTITION!

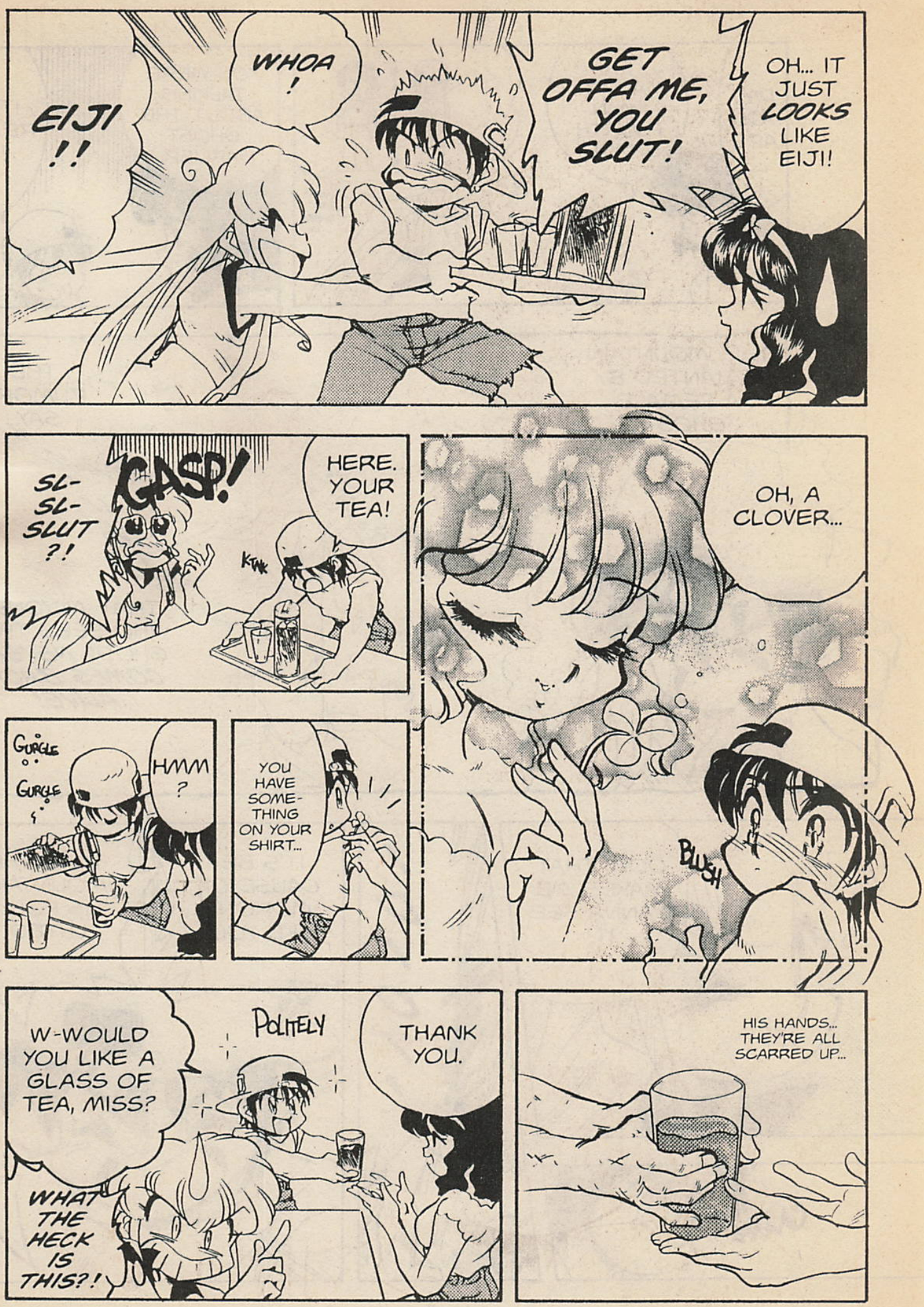

YOU'LL BE RICH...
BLAH!
BLAH
YAK
JAW
YOU'LL MAKE MILLIONS!
MAKOTO!
YEAH!

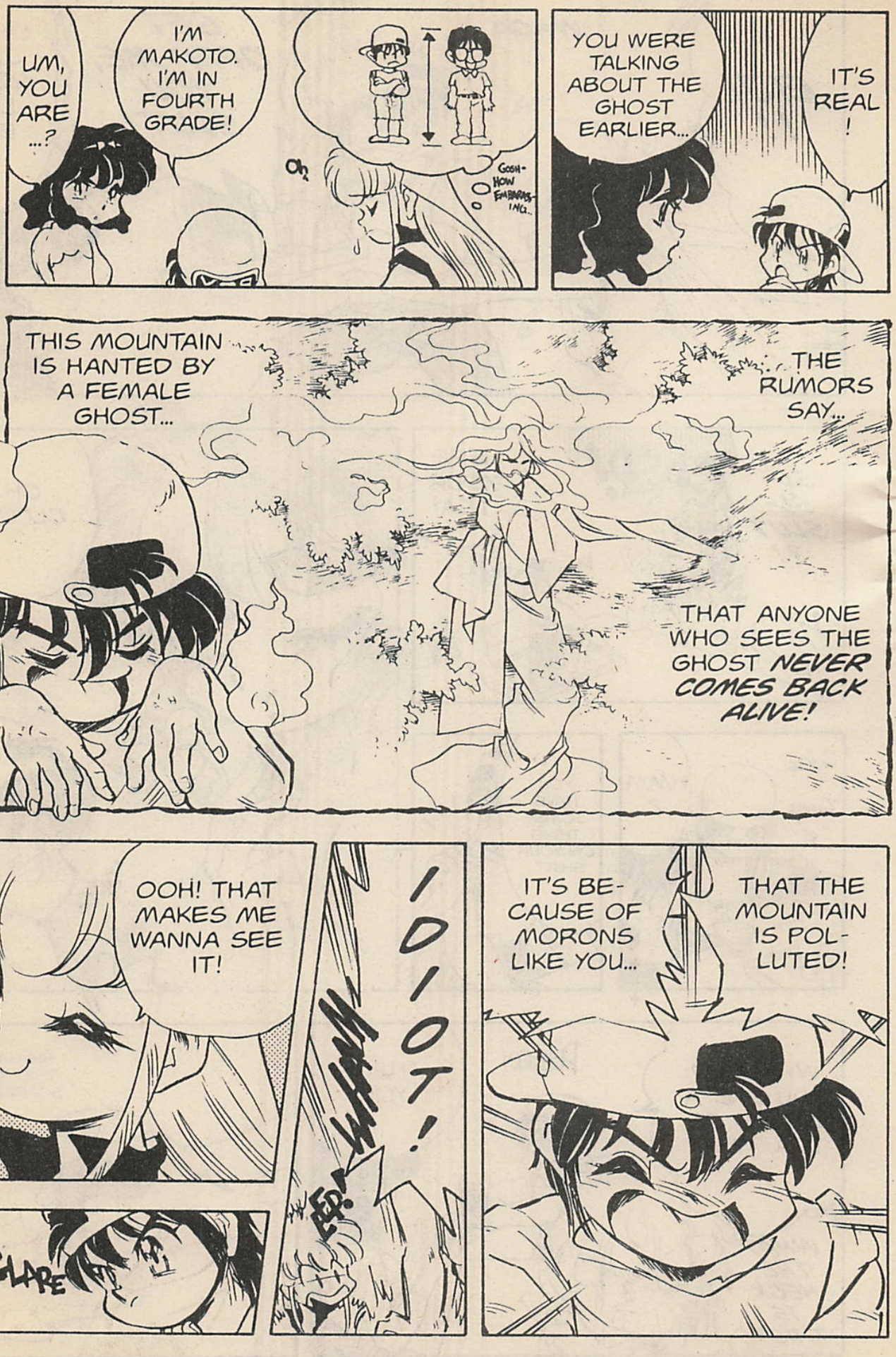

SO, COME ON! WHY DON'T YOU TEAR DOWN THIS CREEPY OLD HOTEL...
HOTEL
PROJECT
AND BUILD A FOUR-STAR RESORT FACILITY INSTEAD?

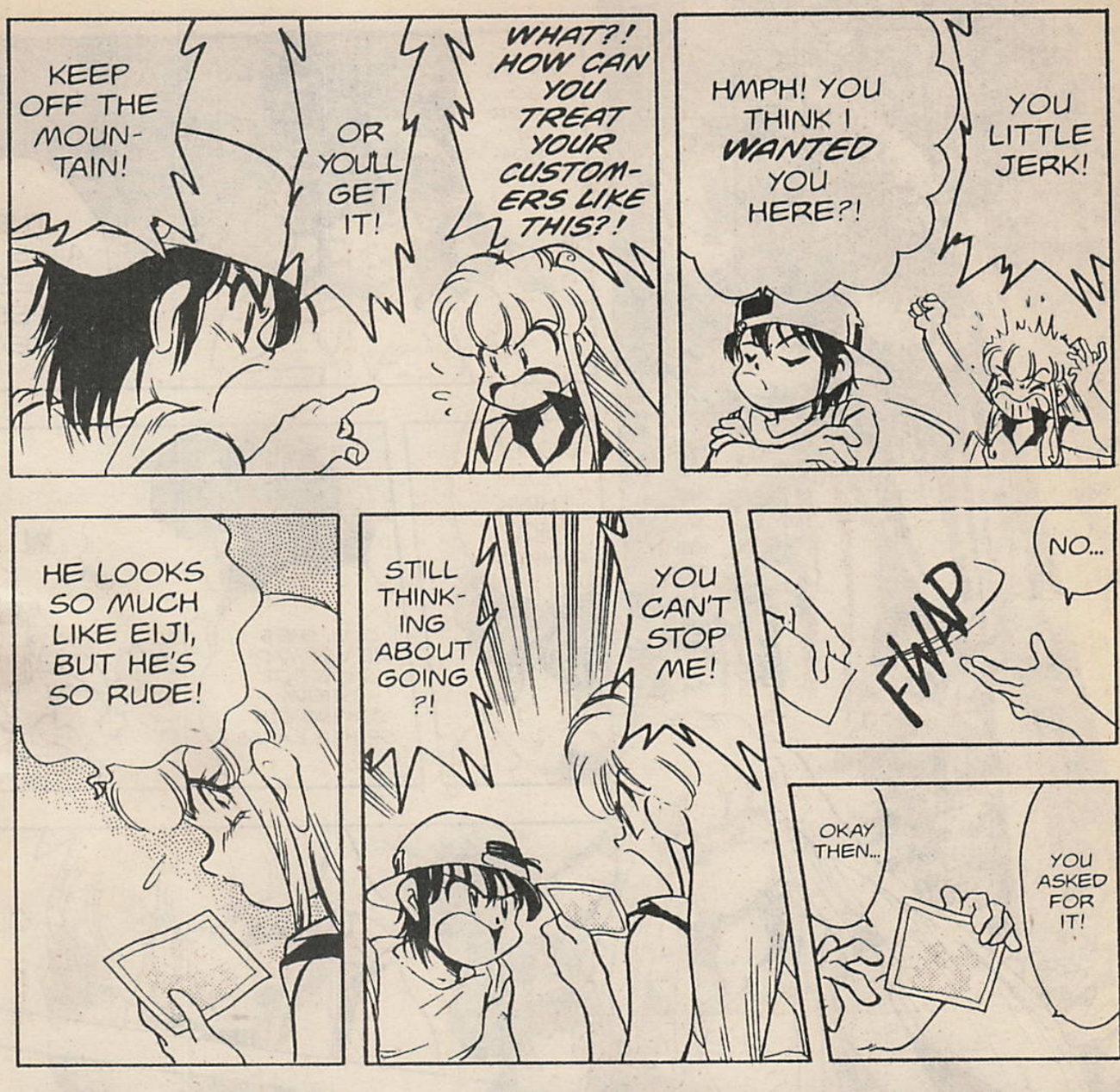

SIC' EM!
OKAY!!
BOY
ZOOM

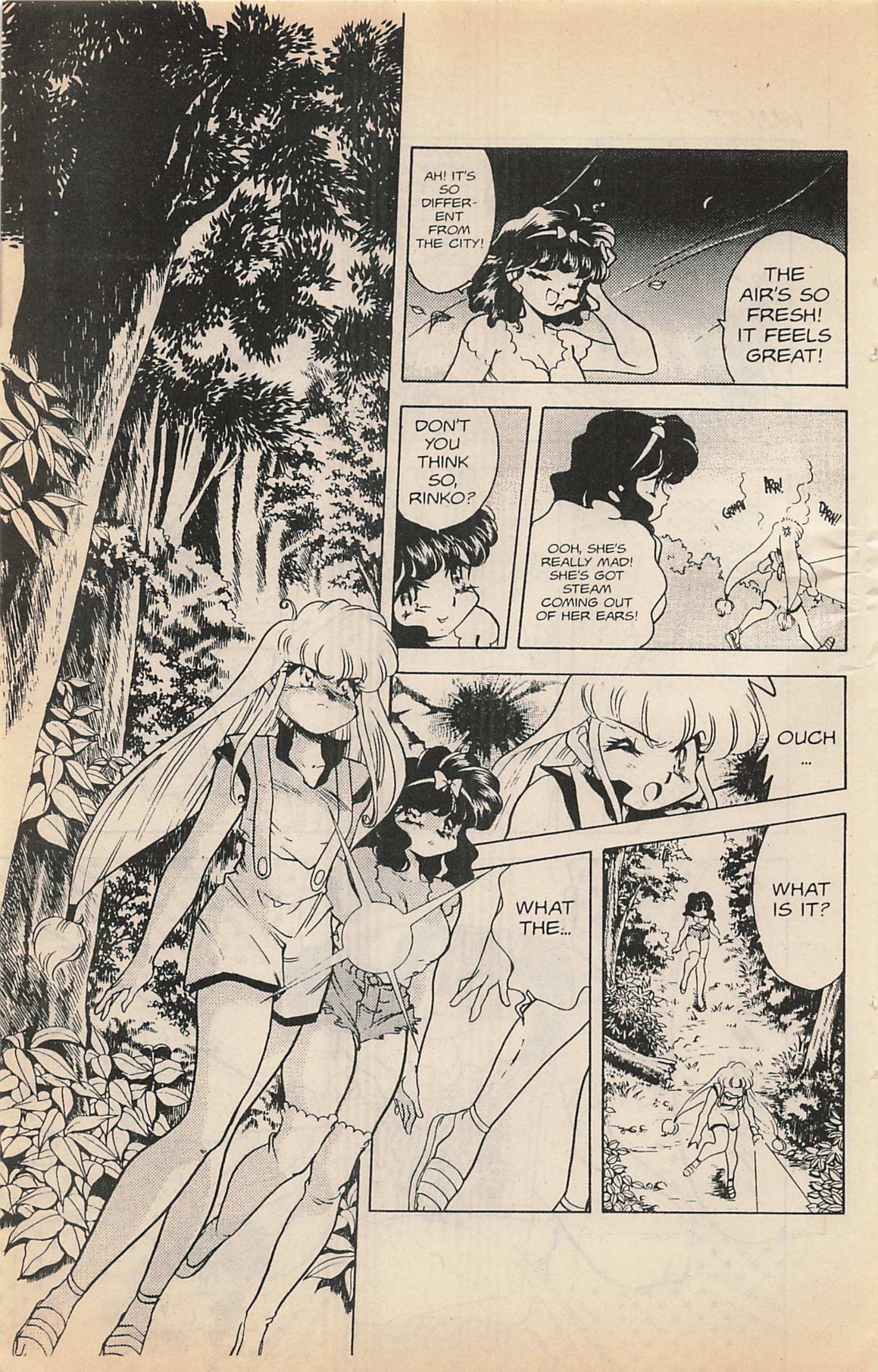

GO AWAY!
WAK
WAK
WAK
WAK
WAK
WAK
WAK
BOY
WE NEVER WANT TO SEE YOUR UGLY FACE AGAIN!
NOOO!
TH-THIS WON'T STOP ME!
OUCH!
FWISH
NO!
I'LL BE BACK TOMOR-ROW!
AND THE DAY AFTER!
WOP
STOP POLLUT-ING OUR MOUN-TAIN!
YOU SCUM!!
WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN HERE? IS EVERY-THING OKAY?
OH, DID WE DIS-TURB YOU? I'M SO SORRY!
I'LL BRING YOU SOME TEA...

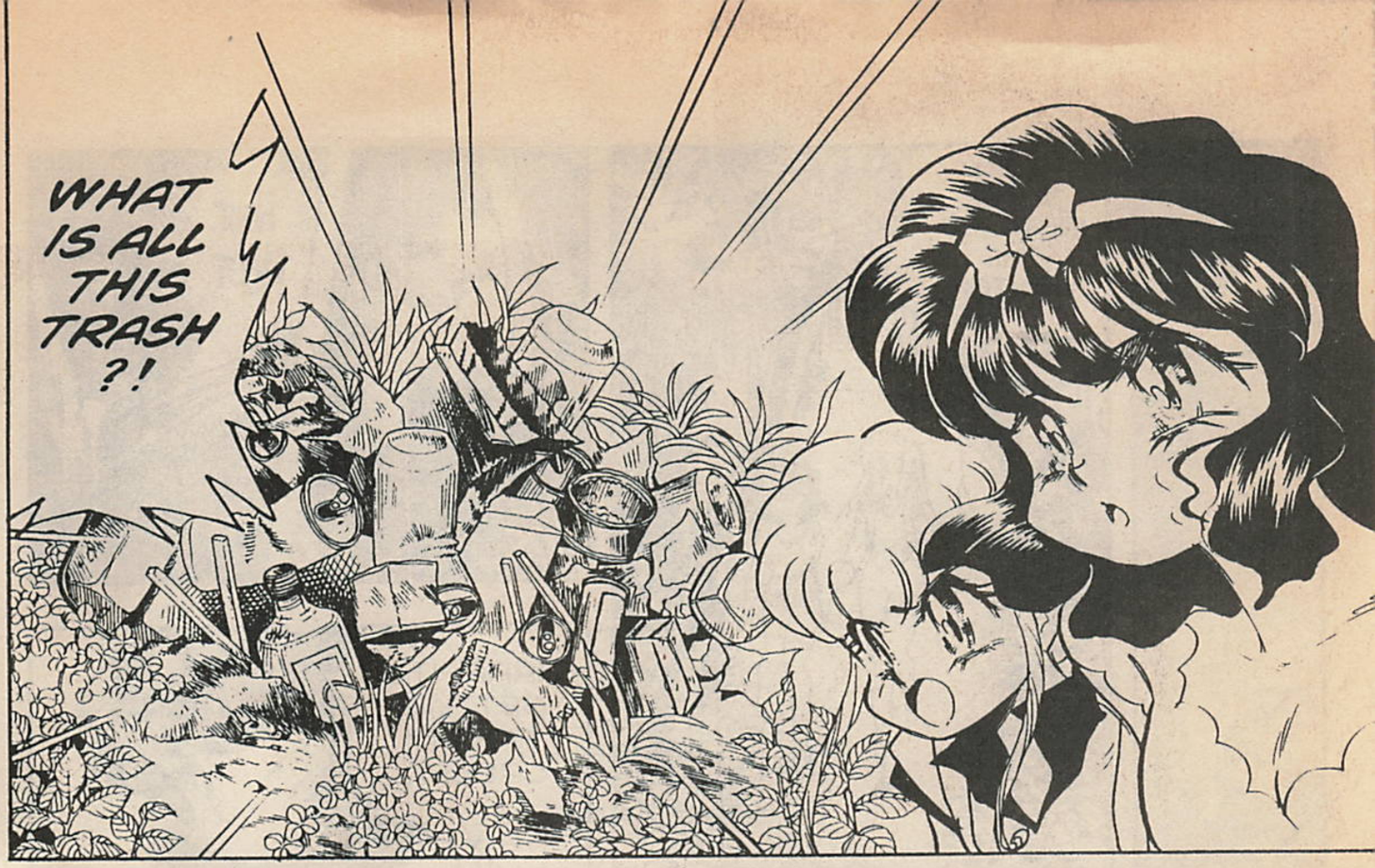

I WONDER WHAT HE'S DOING RIGHT NOW?
OH, YOU MUST REALLY MISS HIM!
YIPE!
WH-WHO ME? NOT EVEN! THAT COMPUTER NERD LIKES HIS PC MORE THAN HE LIKES ME! HE'S AT HIS LAME PC TRAINING CAMP!
GIGGLE
SO WHY'D YOU BRING HIS PICTURE?
NO! IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
HE'S JUST A CHILDHOOD FRIEND!
I'LL BET.
HA HA HA!
JUST FORGET ABOUT HIM, OKAY?!
WE OUGHTA START OUR GHOST-WATCHING SHIFTS!
WHAT, YOU WANT TO BE CURSED?!
E-EIJI? WHATRE YOU DOING HERE?!
?
NO WAY!

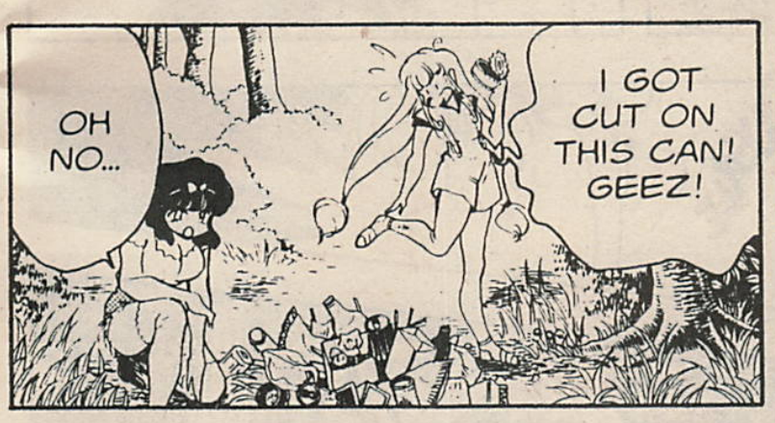

EIJI!!
WHOA!
GET OFFA ME, YOU SLUT!
OH... IT JUST LOOKS LIKE EIJI!
SL-SL-SLUT?!
GASP!
HERE. YOUR TEA!
KTNK
OH, A CLOVER...
BLUSH
GURGLE GURGLE
HMM?
YOU HAVE SOME-THING ON YOUR SHIRT...
W-WOULD YOU LIKE A GLASS OF TEA, MISS?
POLITELY
THANK YOU.
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?!
HIS HANDS... THEY'RE ALL SCARRED UP...


UM, YOU ARE ...?
I'M MAKOTO. I'M IN FOURTH GRADE!
Oh?
GOSH- HOW EMBARRASSING...
YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THE GHOST EARLIER...
IT'S REAL!
THIS MOUNTAIN IS HANTED BY A FEMALE GHOST...
THE RUMORS SAY...
THAT ANYONE WHO SEES THE GHOST NEVER COMES BACK ALIVE!
OOH! THAT MAKES ME WANNA SEE IT!
GLARE
IDIOT!
WHAM!
IT'S BE-CAUSE OF MORONS LIKE YOU...
THAT THE MOUNTAIN IS POL-LUTED!


KEEP OFF THE MOUN-TAIN!
OR YOU'LL GET IT!
WHAT?! HOW CAN YOU TREAT YOUR CUSTOM-ERS LIKE THIS?!
HMPH! YOU THINK I WANTED YOU HERE?!
YOU LITTLE JERK!
HE LOOKS SO MUCH LIKE EIJI, BUT HE'S SO RUDE!
STILL THINK-ING ABOUT GOING ?!
YOU CAN'T STOP ME!
FWAP
NO...
OKAY THEN...
YOU ASKED FOR IT!
PUNISHMENT!!
RIIIP!


AH! IT'S SO DIFFER-ENT FROM THE CITY!
THE AIR'S SO FRESH! IT FEELS GREAT!
DON'T YOU THINK SO, RINKO?
OOH, SHE'S REALLY MAD! SHE'S GOT STEAM COMING OUT OF HER EARS!
GRRR!
RRR!
DRRR!
OUCH ...
WHAT THE...
WHAT IS IT?

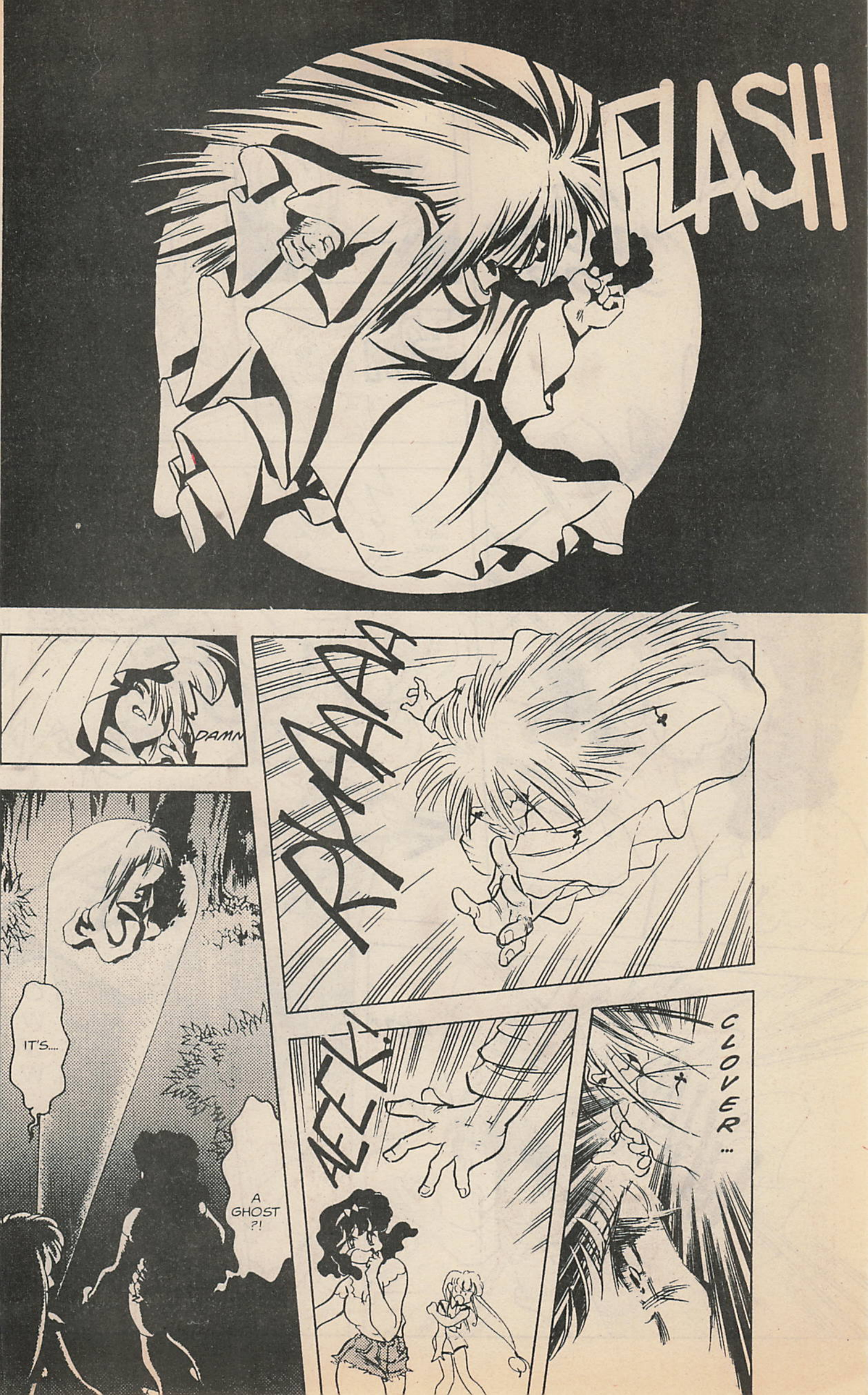

WHAT IS ALL THIS TRASH ?!

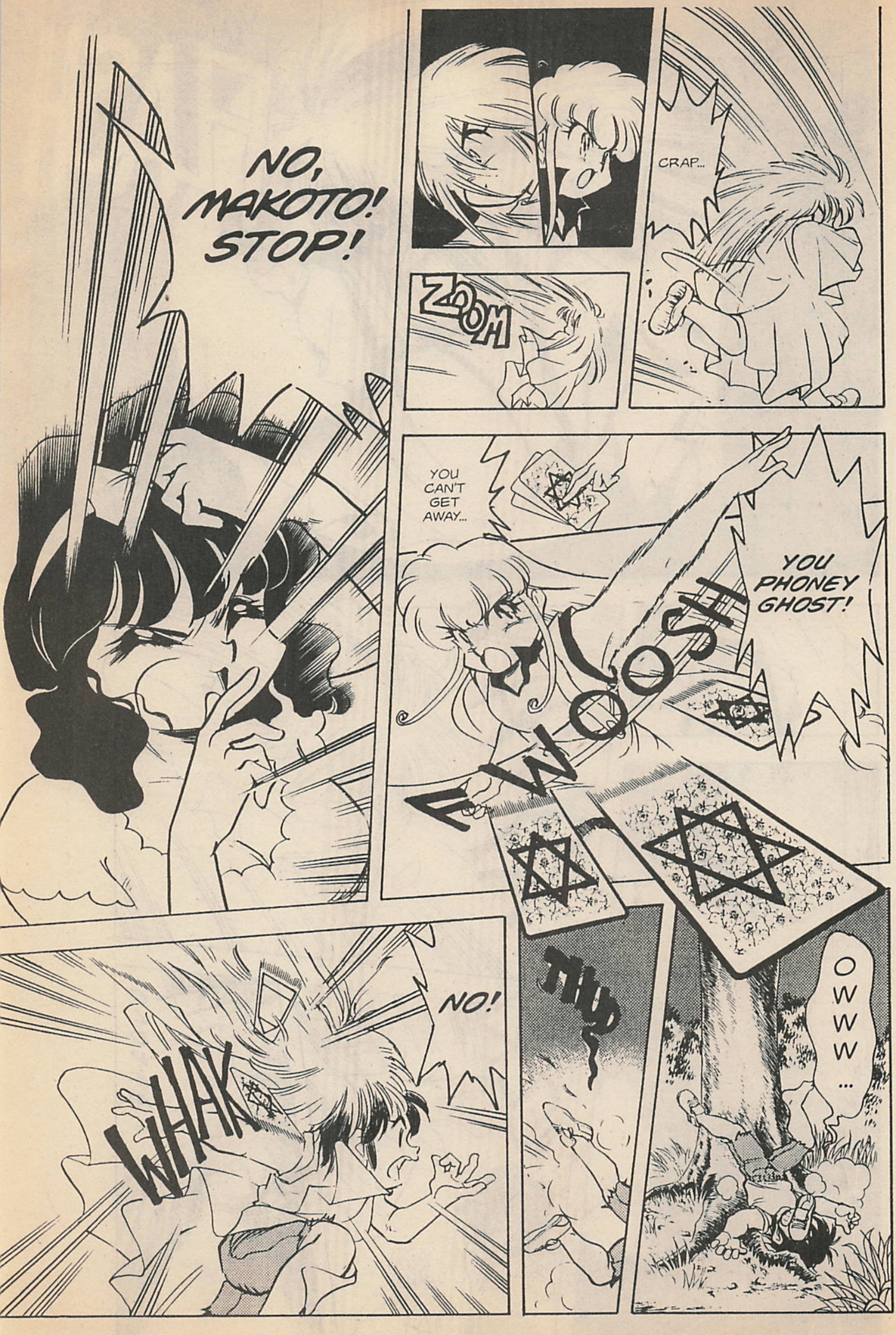

OH NO...
I GOT CUT ON THIS CAN! GEEZ!

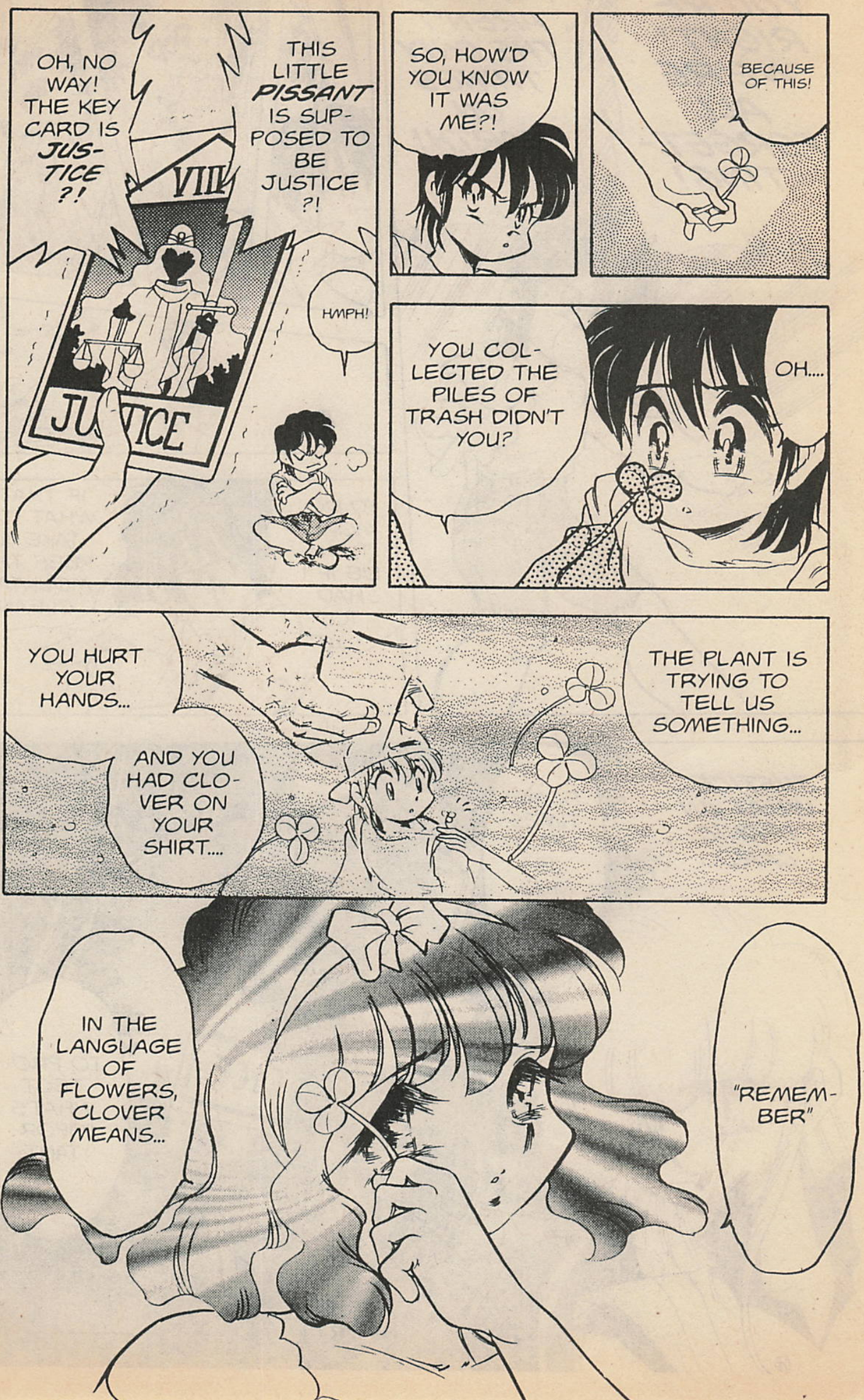
RESERVED FOR RECREATION FACILITY

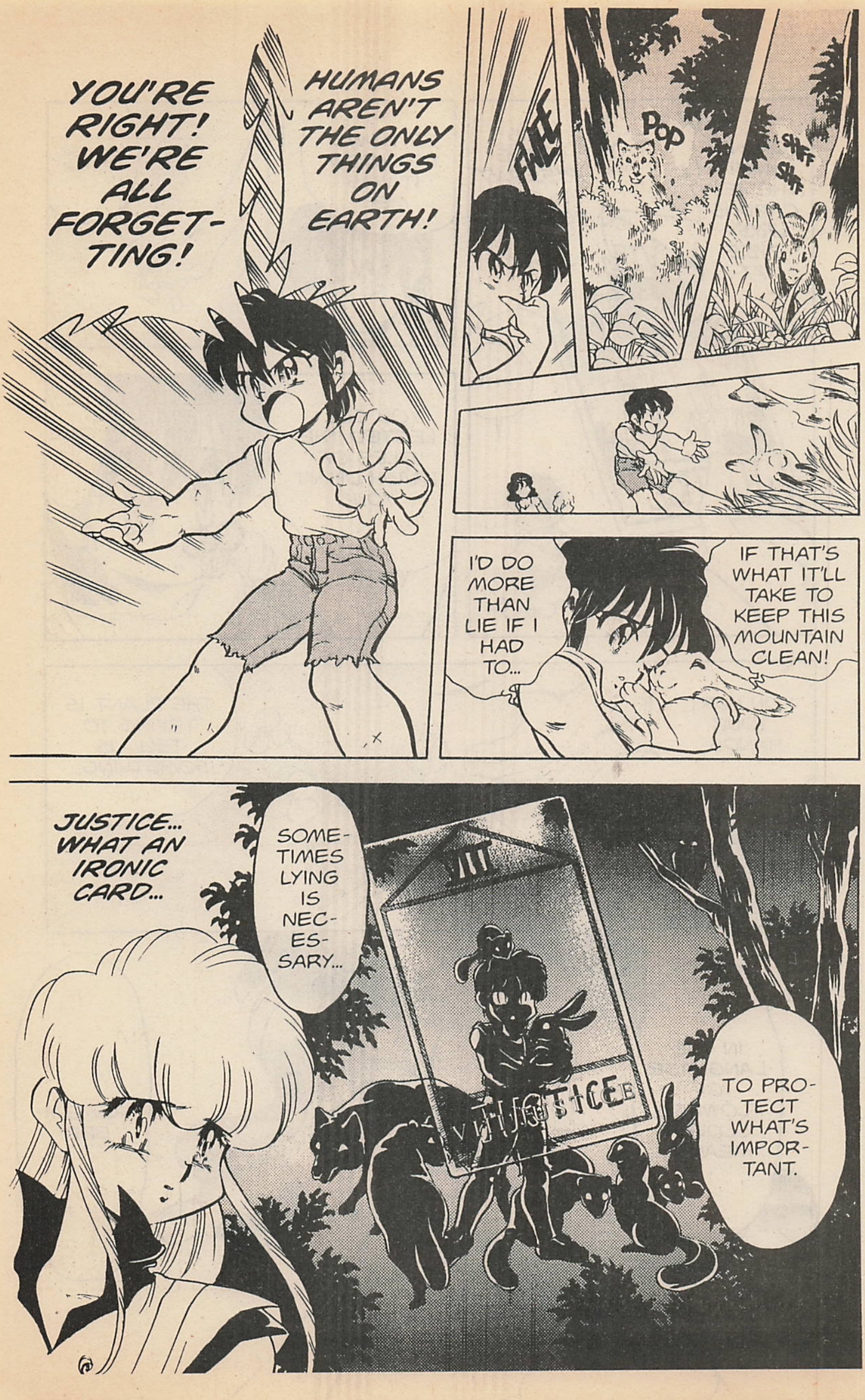
CLO-VER ?!

I THINK WE'VE REACHED THE CENTER OF THE WOODS...
RUSTLE
HOOT HOOT
BRRR! IT'S GETTING PRETTY CREEPY...
NOW THE FUN BEGINS!
RUSTLE
ZAP
ZAP
ZAP
WHO'S THERE ?!!

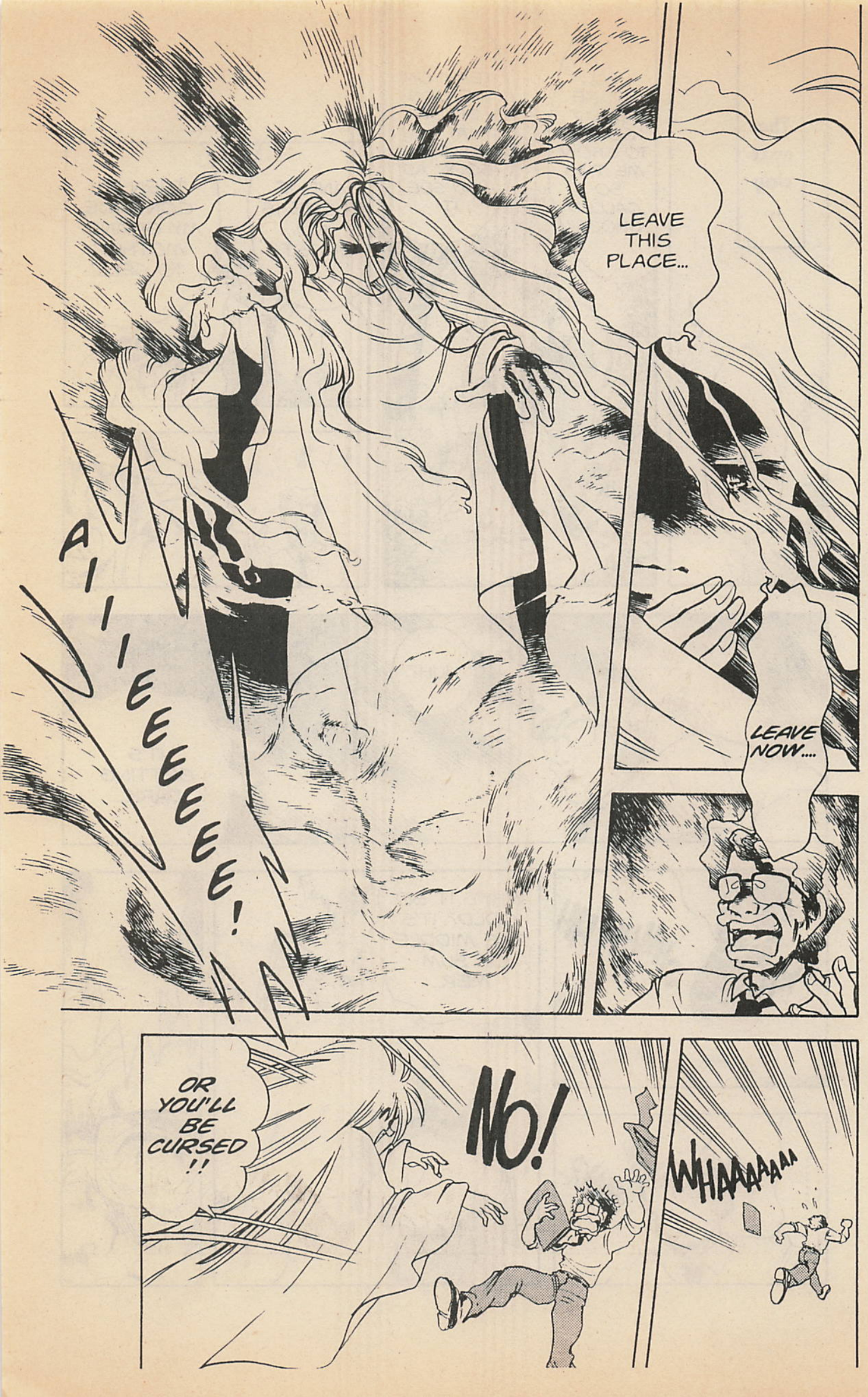

FLASH
DAMN
RYAAA
AEEK
CLOVER...
IT'S....
A GHOST ?!

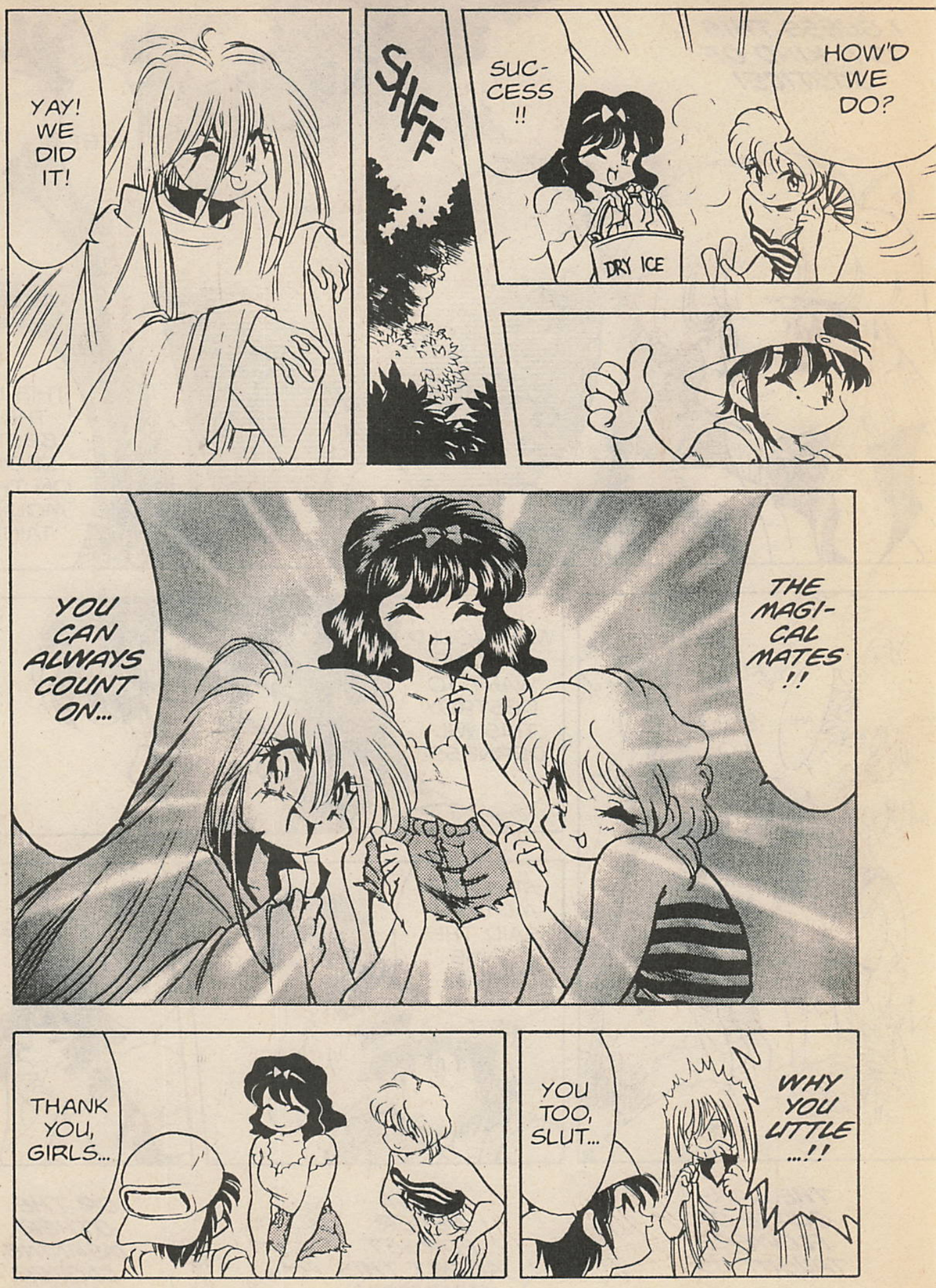

NO, MAKOTO! STOP!
ZOOM
CRAP...
YOU CAN'T GET AWAY...
YOU PHONEY GHOST!
WOOSH
NO!
WHAK
OWWW...

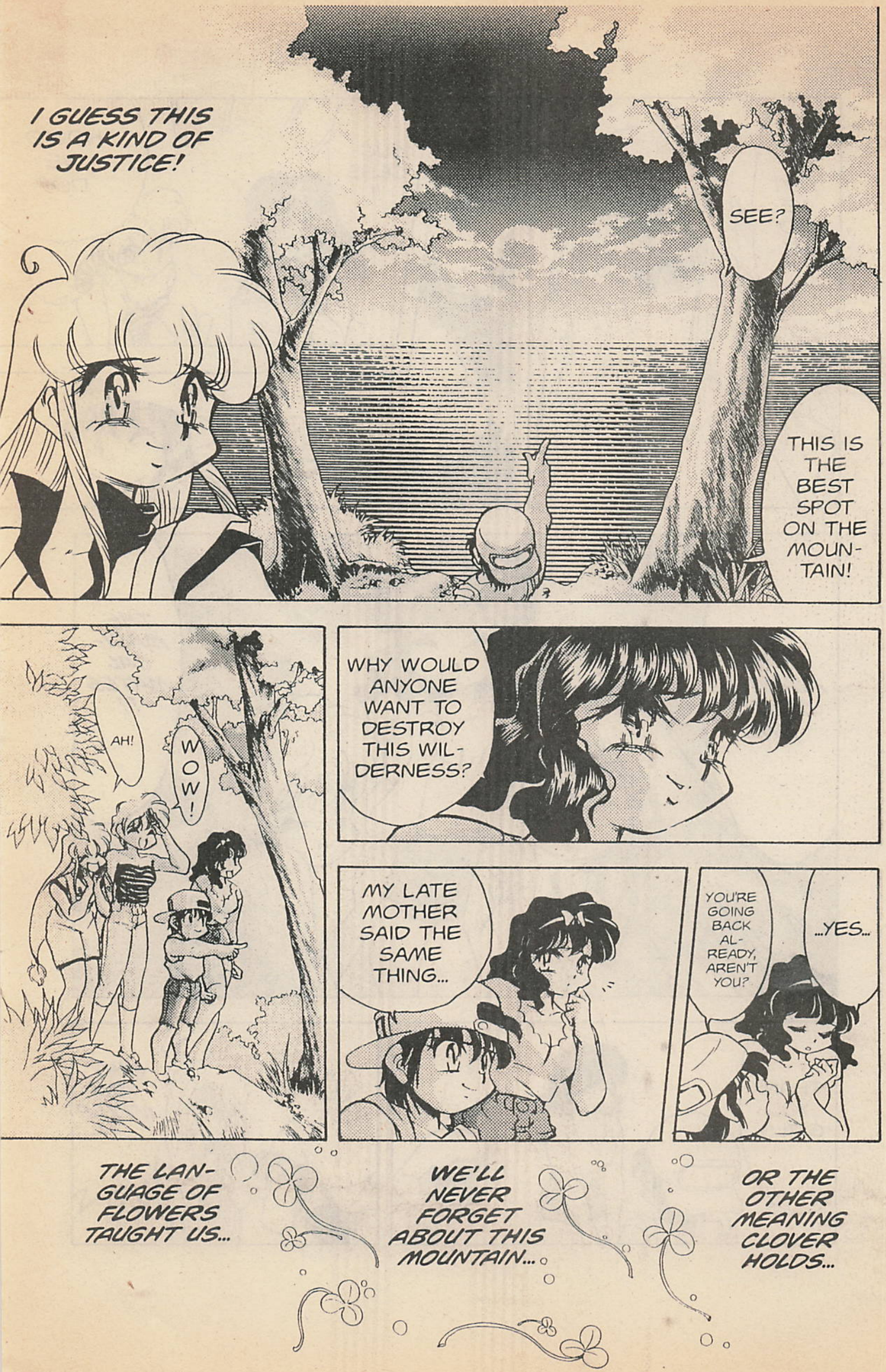

OH, NO WAY! THE KEY CARD IS JUSTICE ?!
VIII
JUSTICE
THIS LITTLE PISSANT IS SUPPOSED TO BE JUSTICE ?!
HMPH!
SO, HOW'D YOU KNOW IT WAS ME?!
BECAUSE OF THIS!
YOU COLLECTED THE PILES OF TRASH DIDN'T YOU?
OH....
YOU HURT YOUR HANDS...
AND YOU HAD CLOVER ON YOUR SHIRT....
THE PLANT IS TRYING TO TELL US SOMETHING...
IN THE LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS, CLOVER MEANS...
"REMEMBER"


YOU'RE RIGHT! WE'RE ALL FORGET-TING!
HUMANS AREN'T THE ONLY THINGS ON EARTH!
FWEE
POP
SHFF SHFF
I'D DO MORE THAN LIE IF I HAD TO...
IF THAT'S WHAT IT'LL TAKE TO KEEP THIS MOUNTAIN CLEAN!
JUSTICE... WHAT AN IRONIC CARD...
SOME-TIMES LYING IS NEC-ES-SARY...
III
JUSTICE
TO PRO-TECT WHAT'S IMPOR-TANT.

The next day ...
CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP
RE-ALLY?
SO, YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO SHOW ME THIS SO-CALLED GHOST?
YEAH! ON THE CON-DITION THAT YOU LEAVE AS SOON AS YOU SEE IT!
AND IF THERE IS NO GHOST?
THEN I'LL CONVINCE MY GRAND-MOTHER TO SELL!
HA HA!
HUH?
IT'S GETTING DARK....
FWHA
SHHHH..HH
WHY'S IT SO COLD? IT'S THE MIDDLE OF SUM-MER...
!
NO...
.....
SHUDDER..

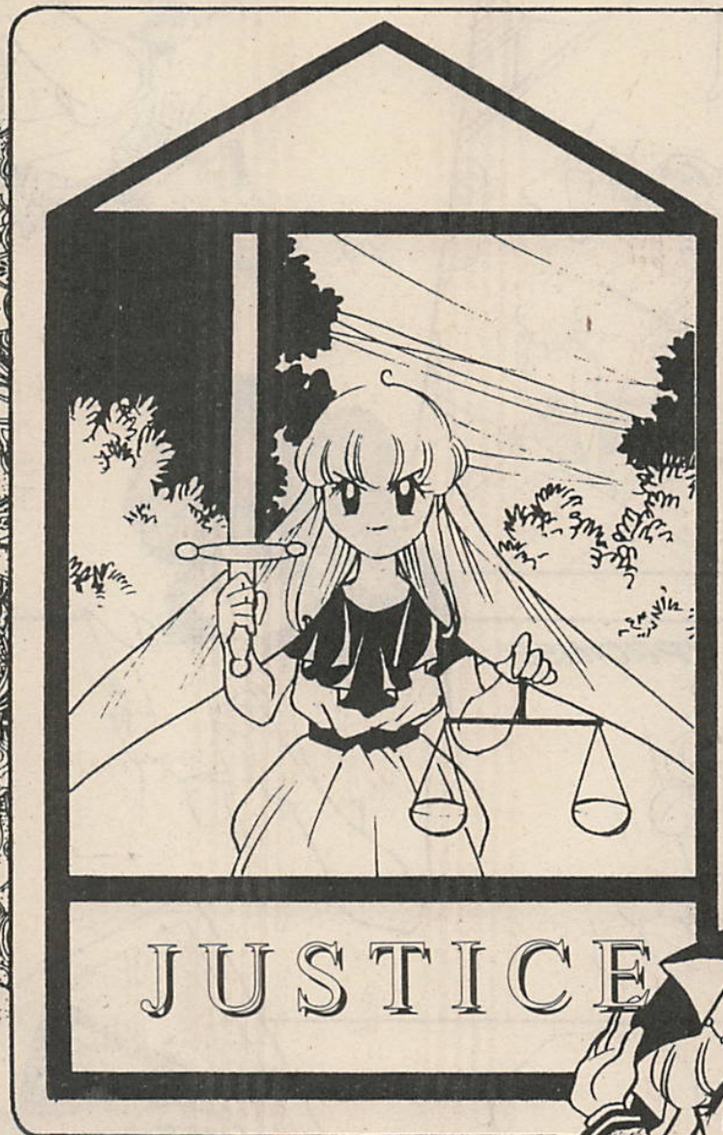

LEAVE THIS PLACE...
LEAVE NOW....
AIIIEEEEEE!
OR YOU'LL BE CURSED !!
NO!
WHAAAAAAA

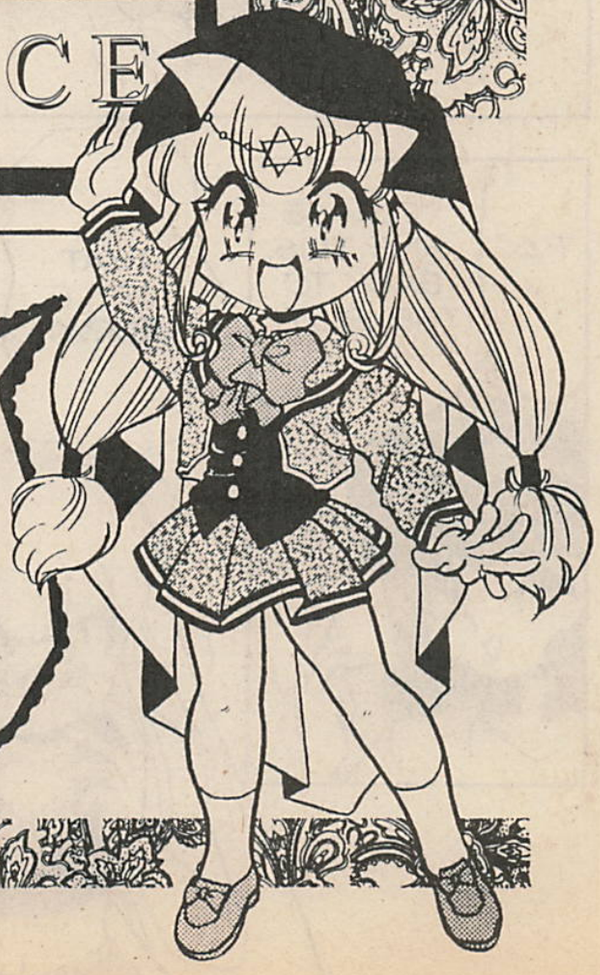

YAY! WE DID IT!
SHFF
SUC-CESS !!
HOW'D WE DO?
DRY ICE
YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON...
THE MAGI-CAL MATES !!
THANK YOU, GIRLS...
YOU TOO, SLUT...
WHY YOU LITTLE ...!!


I GUESS THIS IS A KIND OF JUSTICE!
SEE?
THIS IS THE BEST SPOT ON THE MOUNTAIN!
AH!
WOW!
WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO DESTROY THIS WILDERNESS?
MY LATE MOTHER SAID THE SAME THING...
YOU'RE GOING BACK ALREADY, AREN'T YOU?
...YES...
THE LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS TAUGHT US...
WE'LL NEVER FORGET ABOUT THIS MOUNTAIN...
OR THE OTHER MEANING CLOVER HOLDS...

Now ...
WE GOT A LETTER FROM MAKOTO...
THEY STOPPED THE DEVEL-OPMENT PROJECT...
I HOPE THE MOUNTAIN STAYS LIKE THIS FOR-EVER...
THE OTHER MEANING CLOVER HOLDS IS...
"PROMISE"
I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN...
"P.S." ...
"PLEASE GIVE THIS BACK TO THE SLUT!"
THAT LITTLE JERK!!

RINKO'S TAROT LESSON





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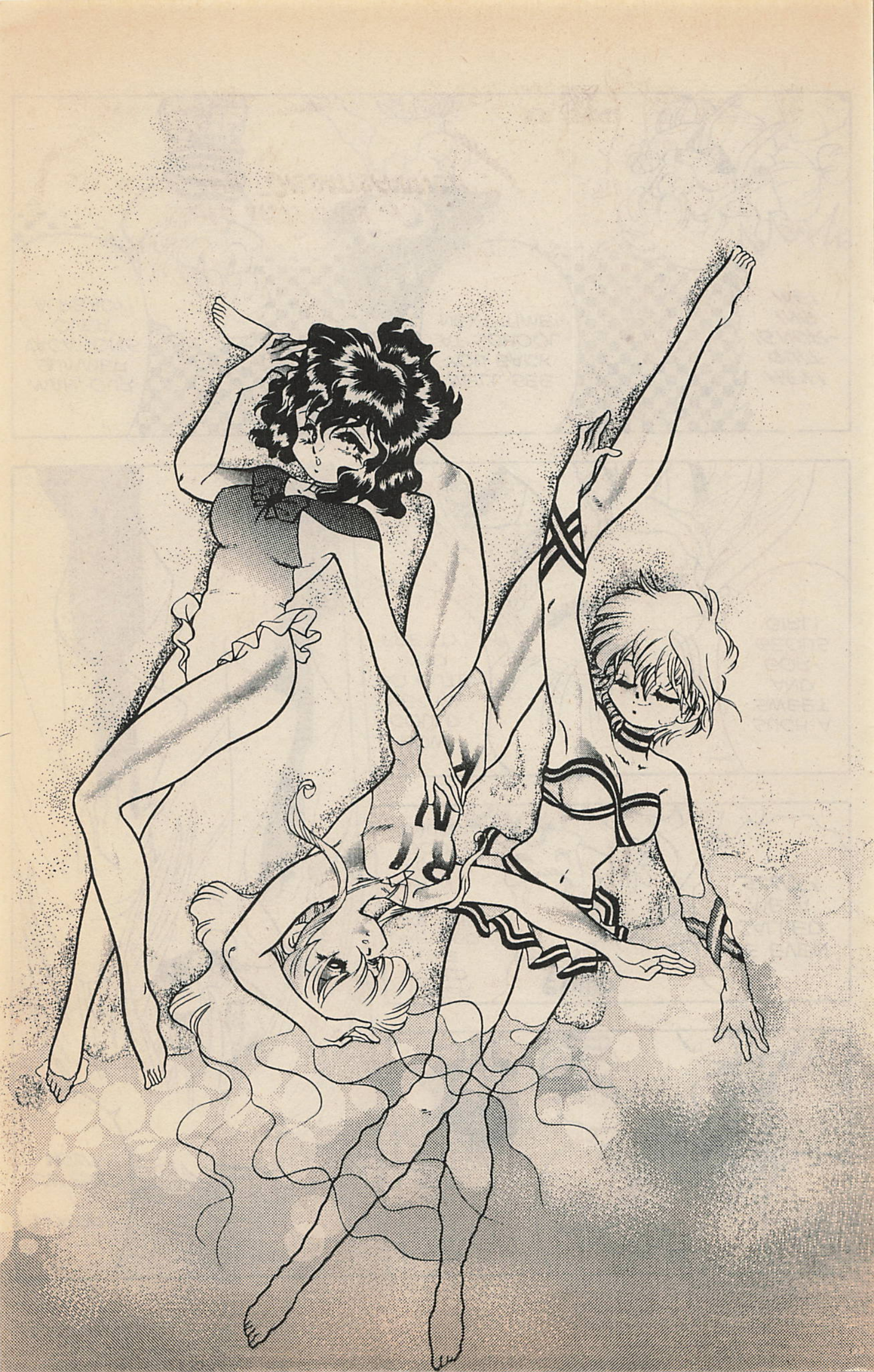

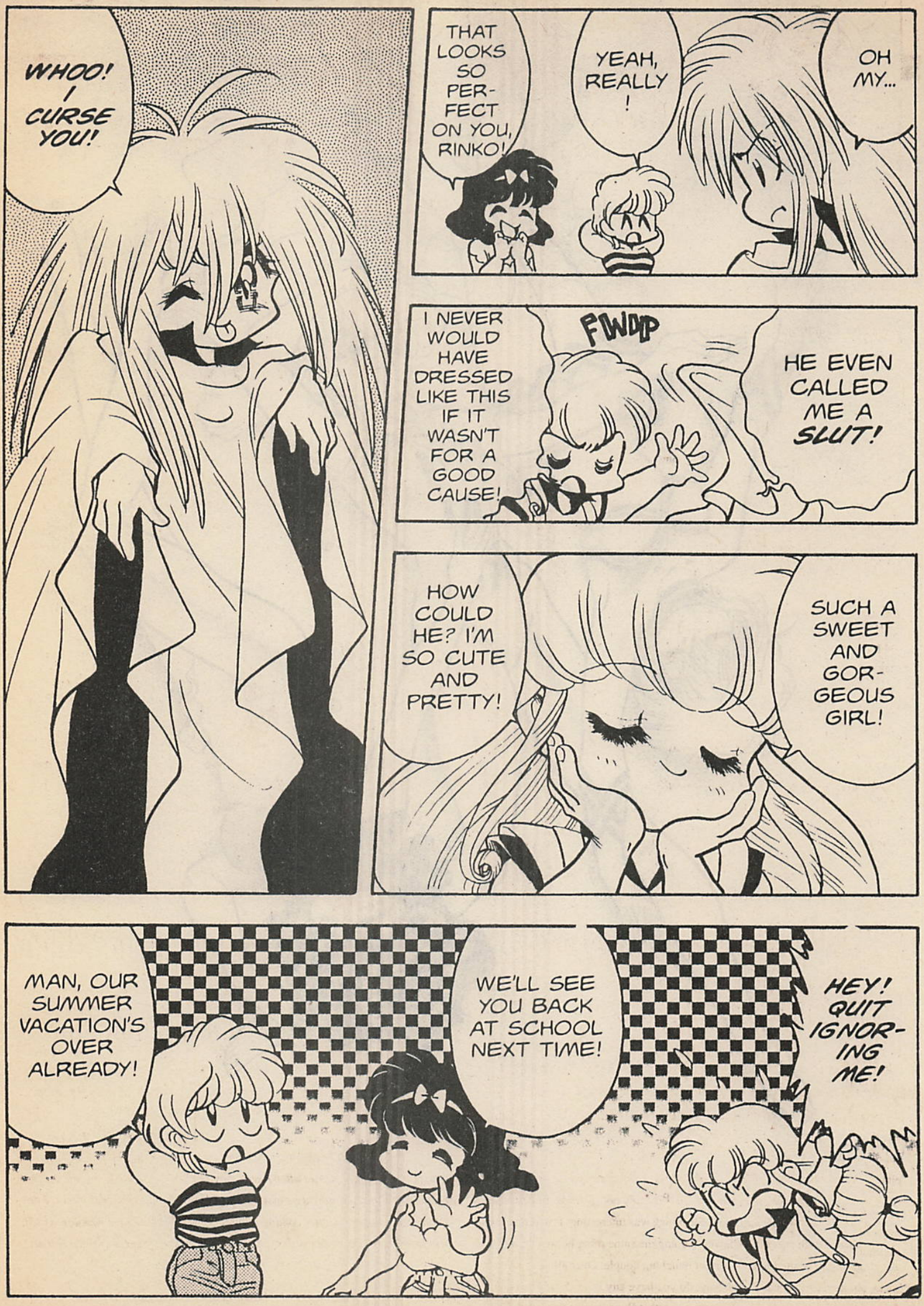
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AP'S MANGA MISSIVES

FOR OCTOBER 1996

SEND YOUR LETTERS AND COMMENTS TO: ANTARCTIC PRESS, ATTN: ELIN WINKLER, 7272 WURZBACH STE. 204, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78240.

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Dear Elin Winkler:

This is the first time I've written to you, but I have to say, **Vampire Miyu** is neat-o!

My friend Amy is a vampire fanatic, but I can't say the same about myself, although I really enjoy the **Vampire Miyu** series.

Thanks!

Rebekah Quinn,

Clovis, CA

Dear Elin:

I've been following AP's manga line for quite some time and have finally gotten around to writing you a letter. Besides the usual heaping of praise (let me just back up the dump truck!) I have a few suggestions for manga that I'd like to see from AP. **Futaba-kun Change**, which is a milder version of **Ranma 1/2**, **Prefectural Earth Defense Force**, **Bath-Steam Princess** and **Dragon Half** would all be great additions to your manga line-up.

As a side note, to clear up your confusion with Ken North's **Chrono-Trigger** references in issue #6 of **Hurricane Girls**, the characters in the game each have magic techniques. They are also able to combine their magic into one big spell. Hence a "triple-tech" for three characters combining their magic.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Robert Gelger,

Brewer, ME

Thanks for writing in, Robert! Your suggestions are all good, but of course, it all depends on what Japanese publishing company owns which work. (For example, we are unable to get any manga from the Japanese company Shogakukan, since that company owns Viz Publishing.) But never fear! We're always looking for new manga to bring over for our loyal readers! Thanks also for your info on the video game– sadly, I'm pretty awful at video games, so I don't play them much--EW

Dear Elin:

Greetings and salutations! How's America's favorite jackal today? Good, I hope. Well, I know you haven't gotten a letter from me in a while so here it is!

I got issue #8 of **F-III Bandit** a few weeks ago and I haven't had the time to sit in front of "Kei" (my wonderful computer) and write a letter. But it's not my fault! I just have too much damned schoolwork to do. Anyway, "Kimagure Lady" was wonderful. I could also say that it was funny as hell! Lady was sooo cute that I didn't suspect that she was a guy until the end. Bang caught us off guard with that one. I feel sorry for Jay and Kitty though. Will either of them find love? Will the Hagakure keep them away from love? Will we ever see another story with them in it? (Probably not...) All in all it was a great story. Next, "While You Were Sleeping" was interesting. It was ironic that his soon-to-be wife was off somewhere doing the same thing he was doing. And all because they wanted to be a perfect matching couple. Over all issue #8 was good, not great, but good. By the way, do you have any idea where I can get a copy of the live-action **Kekko Kamen** video that Bang has a cameo in? Do you? *(Nope, no idea where to get a copy. Sorry!-- EW)*

A few days ago I got **Ninja High School Spotlight: Robert DeJesus**. Now on the inside front cover of it, it has a picture of you and Bang Ippongi. That's the second best picture of you and your sis I've seen so far! The best one is where you're dressed like Priss and Bang's dressed as Lum. I made a color photocopy of the card and put it on the front of my binder. (It's true, he did! I saw it at San Diego this year!--EW) Enough about my binder! More about Bob! I've already seen six out of the eleven stories and pinups, but the ones I didn't even know about were hilarious. "Whatnintendodidnotwanttodo" and "Asrial's New Hobby" are tied for third, "Hall's Well" takes second and "Penguin Ball", "The Unreal Ghosthunters" and "The H Files" triple tied for first place. The illos were all wonderful. I love the armored Asrial pic. T'was the best! It was a great comic and I hope to see more spotlights on Bob in the future. His style just kicks! He truly is the best American manga artist.

I was wondering that since it is May *(this letter was written in May; we run the letters in the order we receive them--EW)* did you make it over to Japan? *(Not yet! Work and cash flow have caused me to postpone the trip till February!--EW)* I think that's about it for now. But before I go, some questions.

1) When will the captain of **Babylon 5** go to the Shadows homeworld?

2) Any exact date set for **Change Commander Goku** Vol. 2 to come out?

3) Will Bang be putting out any more adults-only titles for AP any time soon?

4) Have you heard the title "Gobs of Bob"? It's one of Robert DeJesus' portfolios. And is it a really sick and disgusting title, or am I just really perverted?

5) So, when will the next **Tales of the Fehnnik** come out?

6) Can you explain why artists that do adult stories use pen names?

7) Do you know who Diana Sprinkle is?

Well, that's it for now. Keep in touch and I'll catch ya on the flipside.

Later Jackal,

Duane Geffre,

San Diego, CA

*Whew! So many questions, so little space! In order: 1) Our resident Babylon 5 expert, "Bob", says that it will be in the season ender at the end of October. It'll be called "Zha'ha'dum". Or so he understands... 2) By now, you should have seen **Change Commander Goku** 2 #1 in comic shops everywhere! 3) She doesn't have any adult work on the schedule as of this writing, but who knows what she'll pull out of her hat? 4) Yes. No, it's not disgusting; it's his nice, clean, friendly artwork. 5) Ummm... we're hoping we can get it out by early 1997. Pat Kelley and I are both pretty busy with our regular work right now. 6) Artists who do adult stories often have many reasons for using pen names. Usually, it's because they'd be mortified if their mothers found out! 7) Yes, I do! Diana has a beautiful story coming out in the 1996 **Gold Digger Annual**, which will be in stores soon! And sorry, folks, we didn't get any fan art for the fan art forum this month! We are sad!--EW*

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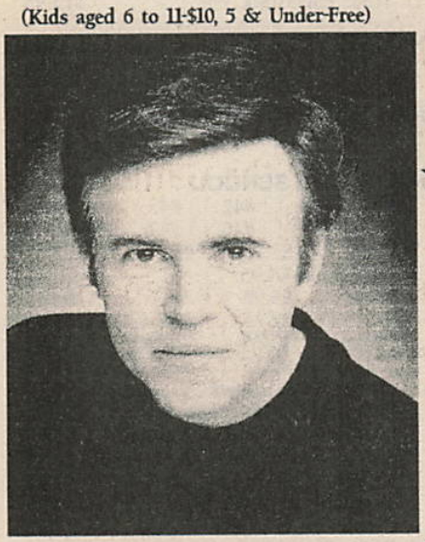

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